

Doesn't take much effort...

says:

One thing I like it's for the front of my house to look nice. At my previous home I made it a priority when I moved in to make the front look good. I painted the front door, changed the windows, replaced the front door and even put some pots outside. It's important that when I pull onto the drive the house looks fresh and tidy and the same goes for the house that I am in now. I haven't had much but I like to make sure it's always neat, weeds and free of litter, it's not difficult. It really annoys me when other people don't bother. It doesn't take long to do, my garden usually doesn't take a lot of time to admit I have considered doing our garden. The front hedge was really messy, it stuck out over the path and it was really messy, but I wasn't sure how I should have been breaking the law. I would have been really upset with

if I had an elderly neighbour who couldn't take care of the front of their house, I would absolutely do theirs when I was as long as they knew when I was going to be there and happy with what I was going to do. I wouldn't take any time at all to mow the lawn at the same time as doing my own. I am physically capable of taking care of my house, they absolutely should. Come on, let's make our streets look nice.

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Minister to meet over Dale Farm eviction

MP John Baron has called on the government to take responsibility for travellers on his patch.

On Tuesday in Parliament during Local Government Questions, the Billericay MP challenged Communities Minister Sadiq Khan over the Government's responsibility for helping Basildon Council to avoid a forced eviction of Dale Farm travellers.

He asked for Government help to identify transit sites outside the District which would mean the travellers could leave Dale Farm peacefully.

Mr Baron said: "Basildon Council is rightly looking to return the unauthorised site to greenbelt condition but hopes to avoid – as we all do – a forced eviction. However, for this to happen the travellers need to move off peacefully, but there is a shortage of sites."

The Minister agreed to a meeting.

